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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 through 16, 18 through 25 and 27 through 37 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 13 and 23 have been amended.

Claims 1, 4 through 10, 12, 13, 15 through 20, 22, 23, 25 through 29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,148,261 to Obradovich, et al. ("Obradovich, et al. patent"). Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11 through 13, 15 through 20, 22, 23, 25 through 29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,546,092 to Kurokawa, et al. ("Kurokawa, et al. patent"). Claims 2, 3, 14 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either the Obradovich, et al. patent or the Kurokawa, et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,406,491 to Lima ("Lima patent"). Claims 21 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Obradovich, et al. patent or the Kurokawa, et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,331,602 to McLaren ("McLaren patent").

**The Examiner is, again, reminded that claims 32 through 37 are not addressed by the above Office Action, just as they were not addressed by the previous Office Action of March 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully request a statement by the Examiner explaining the rejection of these claims.**

Claim 1 as amended provides, *inter alia*, a positioning support device mounted to a navigational feature, and claims 13 and 23 as amended provide, *inter alia*, similar language.

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Support for the above recitation is provided at page 5, lines 23 through 28, of the specification and shown in FIGs. 1, 3 and 4 of the drawings. The Obradovich, et al. patent, the Kurokawa, et al. patent, the Lima patent, and the McLaren patent do not describe or suggest a positioning support device mounted to a navigational feature, as required by amended claims 1, 13 and 23. Therefore, amended claims 1, 13 and 23 distinguish patentably from the Obradovich, et al. patent, the Kurokawa, et al. patent, the Lima patent, the McLaren patent, and any combination of these patents.

Claims 2 through 12, 14 through 16, 18 through 22, 24, 25 and 27 through 37 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1, 13 and 23 as amended. Therefore, claims 2 through 12, 14 through 16, 18 through 22, 24, 25 and 27 through 37 distinguish patentably from the Obradovich, et al. patent, the Kurokawa, et al. patent, the Lima patent, the McLaren patent, and any combination of these patents for the reasons stated above for amended claims 1, 13 and 23.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 through 16, 18 through 25 and 27 through 37 are respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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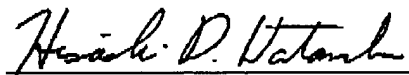
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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